

GEORGE WASHINGTON AND
JANE ISABELL CARLEN
BETHERS

George Washington Bethers was born in Daniel on September 30, 1883, son of William S. and Phebe McM. Bethers. He married Jane Isabell Carlen on June 8, 1910, in the Salt Lake Temple. She was the daughter of Charles Peter and Mary Charlotte Bengston Carlen.

Jane died June 2, 1919, and George died June 26, 1951.

As a young man, George Washington Bethers herded sheep and worked in the

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mines at Park City and thus was able to help his parents with his earnings from this labor.

He and his wife bought a small farm where they started their first home. Two children, Lila and Mahlon, better known as Sam, were born to them. After his wife died, George took his children to Tom and Mary Carlen Casper, Jane's sister, to be cared for. George remarried and they had a child, Lily, but this marriage was unsuccessful, so he took Jane's children to Charles and Sarah Bethers Price to be cared for while he worked in the mines to support them. He sold his farm to his brother, Ephraim Bethers. When his children grew older he took them to Park City to live with him. After Sarah's husband died she also went to live with George and his family to help care for them.

In November, 1947, while he and his camp mover, Oscar Clegg, were on the desert near Delta herding sheep, wild horses caused his mule and horses to break away from camp one night. Clegg was away for repairs on a truck. In the morning, George had taken the sheep to water and gotten them back out of the badlands by foot before he set out again to hunt them and became lost for five days in the vicinity of Confusion Mount, in Tule Valley, near Delta. He found a band of horses he had seen while watering the sheep, but they were not his. He walked for five nights and days, not knowing he was going in a 10-mile circle, growing more exhausted all the time and praying to find the road. By a miracle he seemed to go the right way, always keeping on the move. On the fifth day a pilot landed on the desert floor, took George aboard and flew to Delta. But there was no room in the hospital there, so they brought him by plane to Salt Lake,

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taking him to the Park City Hospital, where he recovered.

Death came to George after a long illness. His children are: Lila, Mahlon (Sam) and Lily.